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Big Basin Redwoods State Park Concession Opportunity

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK -- California State Parks is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a concession to develop, operate, and maintain the camp store, gift shop, and tent cabin concession at Big Basin Redwoods State Park for ten years.

The RFP will be available starting March 4, 2005, and may be downloaded for free off the Department's Web site at www.parks.ca.gov/concessions.

The goal of this RFP is to award a ten (10) year contract to a business entity that will operate the camp store, gift shop, and tent cabins at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, create and foster an ambiance that compliments and enhances the natural and cultural experiences of the park, and provide for the repair and upgrade of facilities. The minimum rental bid will be \$1,000 per month or 16.5% of gross receipts, whichever is greater. A capital investment of \$210,000 for facility improvements also is required.

Established in 1902, Big Basin Redwoods State Park is the oldest state park in California. It is located 25 miles northwest of Santa Cruz via Highways 9 and 236 and about 65 miles south of San Francisco. The park offers a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities including thirteen campgrounds, more than 80 miles of trails, historic structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a visitor's lodge, and a small natural history museum.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held March 16, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006.

Proposals must be received by the Department by 2 p.m. on June 1, 2005. Interested parties should contact Callie Hurd at (916) 653-4574 or churd@parks.ca.gov

